## IN THE SPECIFICATION

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(Amendment to the Abstract)

On page 27 of the specification, please replace the Abstract with a new Abstract as follows:

A method for automatically reconfiguring a soft permanent virtual circuit (SPVC) source endpoint in a PNNI ATM network, in response to an address change at a destination endpoint, by encoding the address change information in a SIG field in a PNNI topology state element within a PNNI topology state packet.